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## Influx of Settlers To New Mexico

The most remarkable thing that happened in New Mexico last year was the tremendous influx of new settlers. The increase is estimated by some papers to have been 90,000, or a third of the previous population. Though that may be an overestimate, suppose the increase was no more than 50,000, it still means a most powerful influence for development and progress brought into the territory.

These 50,000 or 90,000 new people are almost without exception English-speaking natives of the United States, well educated, possessing some independent means, young and ambitious, and having the virtues of thrift and industry. They have come from free choice to make new homes for themselves and to better their lot. They bring valuable experience gained among the older and more settled environment of the eastern and central states, and enter with intelligent zeal upon the work of building up new communities in the west.

New Mexico has been very widely

advertised through the statehood agitation, and taking advantage of the publicity already accorded, the railroads have engaged in an active campaign for homesteaders. New Mexico has vast areas of government land ready for the settler, and the terms have appeared attractive to the northwestern and easterners looking for a new location and reached through the railroad bureaus. There has also been a heavy movement into New Mexico from Texas, so that the Pecos valley is strongly influenced by this factor in the population.

New Mexico has lain comparatively dormant for many years, until recently. There has been steady, substantial growth, but nothing spectacular. Now, however, the movement seems to have turned her way, and before the next census the territory will have added to her population an immense body of picked citizens who will co-operate with the progressive spirits of the old regime to build up a powerful, rich, populous and productive commonwealth.

—El Paso Herald.

## Union County Wants Rustler

E. N. Burch of Raton, a member of the board of county commissioners of Colfax county, was an arrival today in the capital. He came on business connected with the territorial board of equalization.—Santa Fe New Mexican.

J. E. Geddes was at the Peacock mines a day or two this week arranging to dispose of more of them to the capitalists. He is a full hand when it comes to making things go in a new camp.—Cimarron (Okla.) News.

White, the photographer, came in from Raton yesterday and tried to get a room suitable to set up a gallery for taking pictures but could not find one to suit him. He was here several years ago and amused the natives with a phonograph. Since that time phonographs have become as common as potatoes.—Cimarron (Okla.) News.

From the Raton Range.  
H. A. Griebel of Cimarron went to Trinidad Sunday and met Mrs. Griebel who came from Grand Junction to join him. They were joined here by A. E. Morrison of Las Vegas, a brother of Mrs. Griebel. Mr. and Mrs. Griebel went to their Cimarron home on Wednesday where Mr. Griebel is employed with the Cimarron Townsite Company.

Sheriff Gallegos of Union county is in Raton for the purpose of securing one Arvan who is in the county jail on a Union county warrant charged with cattle stealing. There is doubt of Gallegos accomplishing his purpose as it is supposed there is a reward offered for the apprehension of Arvan and the Colfax authorities propose to have something more than their labor for their pains, and if a reward is to be paid they propose to keep it here.

The plant of the newspaper which printed the offer of reward nearly two years ago has since suffered a fire and all files and records were lost, those concerning Arvan with the rest.

Arvan is said to have a most unenviable reputation and it is safe to presume that he will be kept in the Colfax county jail under the warrant issued by the Union county officials until the next term of court.

## Another Railroad Coming This way

It is reported from Wichita that the first contract for throwing up the grade for the Englewood, Liberal & Trinidad railway has been let and that contracts for other portions of the roadway would be let as soon as sufficient bids could be received.

The Englewood, Liberal & Trinidad railway is to be built from Englewood, Kas., to Trinidad, Colo., by way of Liberal, Kas. It will give Wichita a direct line to Colorado. It is also proposed to build the line to Las Vegas by a circuitous route around the Glorieta mountains so as to reach the heart of the coal regions of New Mexico and Colorado, and

evade the heavy grades. It is also proposed to divert a line from this road through Beaver, the county seat of Beaver county, Oklahoma, and from Beaver southwesterly to the Panhandle of the Santa Fe, thus tapping the best part of the Panhandle country not now supplied with railroad service.

That these plans are all the property of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe is common belief. The fact that the Englewood branch has been neglected as to track repair is given as cause for the report that the company expects to reconstruct the line and extend it farther into the west.—Optic.

## CONCERNING WITHDRAWAL OF PUBLIC LANDS

El Paso, Jan. 10.—By virtue of an order received yesterday by the local bureau of immigration, the territory of New Mexico has been placed under its jurisdiction and T. F. Schumaker, chief inspector here, will assume the increased responsibilities imposed upon him by the change on the 1st day of February, on which date the order becomes effective. Mr. Schumaker up to this time has had under his charge the supervision of Chinese work in Texas, with headquarters in this city.

The recent report of Secretary Hitchcock of the interior department concerning the lands withdrawn from

entry and filing since July 1 last, is of especial interest to inhabitants of the Rocky mountain and Pacific coast states. This land is practically all in these western states. The report shows that the total amount of land withdrawn is 64,193,960 acres. Of this amount all but 600 acres is supposed to be coal lands located in the following states and territories: Colorado, Utah, Wyoming, New Mexico, Oregon, North Dakota and Washington. Land withdrawn for irrigation projects amounted to 1,006,457 acres and the amount of land permanently withdrawn for forest reservations is 20,320,253 acres.

### NEW MEXICO PIONEERS.

Elect Officers at Their Regular Annual Session Held Yesterday.  
The annual meeting of the Society of New Mexico Pioneers was held Thursday, being the second Monday in January, at the office of Hon. L. B. Prince, the secretary.

In the absence of the governor of the society, Hon. Amado Chavez, Page B. Otero presided.

The annual election of officers resulted as follows: Governor, Amado

Chavez; captain general, J. Amado Lucero; alcalde mayor, H. L. Ortiz; secretary, L. B. Prince; treasurer, J. D. Senao; counselor, Felix Martinez; vice-president Santa Fe county, A. Staab.

If a proper interest were taken in this organization, there is no reason why it should not become one of the most important patriotic societies in the country. Nowhere were there more gallant deeds performed and more sacrifices endured, than here in New Mexico.

### SENATOR DORSEY BUYS ARIZONA COPPER.

Clifton, Ariz., Jan. 18.—Senator Dorsey, who is backed by English and French capitalists, has closed deals for 160 claims in this district, among which are the following well known properties: The Stevens Copper company, 48 claims; the Lezinsky group, 34 claims; the Elliott Wright group, 27, and the Celtic group, 20 claims.

Development work has already commenced on some of the properties.

The company when organized will be one of the strongest in Arizona, and will be prepared to build railroads to the mines and erect concentrating plants.

### RANGE CATTLE DAY PASSED IN WEST.

Stock Raisers Must Become Stock Feeders as Well and Visit the Stock Shows.

Denver, January 18.—The Western Stock Show to be held at Denver January 19-26, is a natural outgrowth of the evolution that has been going on in the live stock development of the west. The days of the range have passed away forever and the live stock business of the future must be conducted along modern lines to succeed. Discussing the value of the stock show to the western producer, General Manager Boettcher of the Western Packing company at Denver, a few days ago said:

"I feel strongly that every grower of live stock in the western country should by all means avail himself of the opportunity to visit the show in order that he may become familiar with the class of stock which is most desirable for sale, particularly at this market."

"Last year's show completely demonstrated the fact that not only could stock be properly finished but also the fact that it was profitable to do so. Formerly it was necessary for the stockman to ship his feeders to the corn belt to be fattened and finished for the market and now that the live stock market of Denver has made such rapid strides and the demand for fat stock has increased, it is no longer necessary nor in the future will it be profitable, for the stockman to sell his stock as feeders."

"Every live stock center differs in the character of fat stock which is most in demand and I am quite sure that every stockman who expects in the future to market his stock in Denver, would be greatly benefited by visiting the coming show and ascertaining for himself what class of stock sell best at this market. For instance, certain weight cattle are nearly always at a premium here and the same applies to both hogs and sheep, and if the western stock grower could become familiar with exactly what is wanted by the packers, he would invariably realize more from his shipments."

"Eastern growers have for many years realized the importance from an educational standpoint of the various stock shows which are given annually, which is attested to by the fact that the attendance at all the shows has shown an enormous increase each year over the one previous. The western grower must realize that in order to get the best results he must be able to take advantage of the experience of others and this is best brought about by the annual exhibition of stock brought from various sections of the country."

### SANTA FE IMPROVEMENTS.

From the Raton Range.  
The new power house which is located about the 15th of February.

Orders have been given for the remodeling and the painting of the passenger depot.

The freight house will be moved about one hundred feet south to enable them to erect a new building.

Work on ten miles of new side tracking will be commenced immediately.

Arrangements have been made to park the Santa Fe grounds from the depot to North Second street. This improvement will give Raton a handiwork completed will be placed in operation.

Albert P. Hunter, a mining engineer of twenty-five years' experience, is a visitor to Las Vegas from his headquarters' office at Elizabethtown, Colfax county, New Mexico, en route for Cochise, Ariz. Mr. Hunter is manager of the Golden Colfax Mining company at E'town and will likely remain in the Meadow city for two or three days, inspecting some of the local mining propositions, more as a matter of information than anything else.—Optic.